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1. DURING 13 MARCH MEETING AT SCAE, SCICOUNS DISCUSSED WITH PUSTYNTSEV AND VASIL'YEV PLANS FOR JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. AFTER SCICOUNS DELIVERED THORNE LETTER FOR PETROSYANTS (REF A), PUSTYNTSEV EXPLAINED THAT SCAE REQUESTS POSTPONEMENT OF SOVDEL ARRIVAL FROM 2 APRIL UNTIL 4 APRIL SO THAT JCM WOULD TAKE PLACE ON 5 APRIL. PUSTYNTSEV AND VASIL'YEV WOULD ARRIVE 2 APRIL FOR WORK ON MEETING MEMORANDUM. PRESSED FOR REASON FOR THIS REQUEST, PUSTYNTSEV SAID THAT SCAE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO RESERVE SEATS ON AEROFLOT 2 APRIL FLIGHT, SINCE ALMOST ALL TICKETS WERE BEING HELD FOR DELEGATION FROM MFA.

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2. SCICOUNS RESPONDED, PER REFS B AND C, THAT LAST-MINUTE CHANGE IN DATE FOR JCM WOULD PLAY HAVOC WITH ORGANIZATION ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED FOR PREVIOUSLY-AGREED DATES. HE STRESSED THAT SCAE SHOULD TRY AGAIN TO OBTAIN TICKETS FOR 2 APRIL ARRIVAL, AND PUSTYNTSEV AGREED TO CONSULT WITH PETROSYANTS AND ADVISE. VASIL'YEV LATE AFTERNOON 13 MARCH CONTACTED EMBOFF WITH EXPLANATION THAT

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TICKETS FOR ENTIRE DELEGATION COULD NOT RPT NOT BE OBTAINED FOR 2 APRIL, SO SCAE SUGGESTS, TO MINIMIZE SCHEDULE REARRANGEMENTS, THAT JCM START IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL OF SOVIET DELEGATION LATE AFTERNOON 4 APRIL AND THAT JCM BE TERMINATED BY NOON 5 APRIL. VASIL'YEV SAID THAT FINAL WORK ON MEMORANDUM AND SIGNATURE COULD TAKE PLACE WHEN DELEGATION RETURNED TO WASHINGTON ABOUT 15 APRIL.

3. VASIL'YEV PROVIDED SCAE'S NEW SUGGESTED ITINERARY (TRANSLATION PROVIDED SEPTEL), WHICH DIFFERS FROM EARLIER SUGGESTIONS BY HAVING MARKOV AND VELIKHOV STAY FOR ENTIRE VISIT, BY DIVIDING SOVIET DELEGATION INTO TWO PARTS, AND BY INCLUDING SEVERAL NEW LOCATIONS. SCICOUNS RESPONDED THAT SCAE SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE PASSED IMMEDIATELY TO DOE BUT NOTED THAT THESE NEW REQUESTS ARE BEING MADE AT WOE-FULLY LATE DATE.

4. PUSTYNTSEV ALSO SOUGHT CLARIFICATION ON WHAT ITEMS (AIR TRANSPORT, LODGING, FOOD) SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PAY. SCICOUNS RESPONDED THAT SENDING-SIDE-PAYS PRINCIPLE NORMALLY REFERS TO ALL THREE, BUT PUSTYNTSEV AND VASIL'YEV THOUGHT THAT HILL HAD EARLIER BROUGHT UP POSSIBILITY THAT U.S. WOULD CONSIDER PAYING FOR FOOD OR LODGING IN BALANCE FOR SOVIETS'HAVING SUPPLIED FOOD DURING LAST JCM, ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY. PUSTYNTSEV SOUGHT CONFIRMATION THAT DOE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE RUSSIAN-
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LANGUAGE TYPING SERVICE, AND THAT SOVIET EMBASSY REPRESEN-TATIVE AND SOVREP KADUSHEVSKIY FROM BAKAVIA COULD PARTICIPATE IN JCM. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. COMMENT - AT THIS JUNCTURE IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS, WE BELIEVE A GENERALLY FIRMER STAND ON HOLDING TO ITINERARIES AND SCHEDULES PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON WOULD BE SALUTORY. WE SEE NO REASON WHY DOE SHOULD ACCEPT LAST-MINUTE CHANGES SOLELY BECAUSE THE SOVIETS ARE RELUCTANT TO EXPEND HARD CURRENCIES TO TAKE WESTERN AIR-LINES. GIVEN THE DIFFICULTIRES WHICH U.S. SCIENTISTS UNDER THIS AGREEMENT HAVE HAD IN GAINING ACCESS TO ACADEMY INSTITUTES IN GENERAL AND KRASNAYA PAKHRA IN SPECIFIC, WE ALSO HOLD LITTEL SYMPATHY FOR THEIR LAST-MINUTE REQUEST TO EXPAND THE POST-JCM VISIT TO COVER ADDITIONAL NATIONAL RESEARCH LABS, VISITS TO WHICH WE UNDERSTAND INVOLVE COMPLICATED CLEARANCE PROCEDURES. FURTHERMORE, IN THIS REGARD, THE SOVIETS HAVE DENIED U.S. ACCESS TO SOVIET ATOMIC-POWERED ICEBREAKERS UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION AGREE-MENT, AND RECENT U.S. DELEGATION ON NUCLEAR SAFETY COULD NOT GAIN THE REQUESTED ACCESS TO THE SOVIET NUCLEAR RESEARCH FACILITIES IN OBNINSK.

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6. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT THE DEPARTMENTS OF ENERGY AND STATE WILL HAVE THE ULTIMATE DECISION, WE URGE CONSIDERATION THAT SCAE BE TOLD PROMPTLY THAT THE JCM INVITATION STANDS AS WRITTEN; THAT WE CANNOT REORGANIZE FOR THE 5 APRIL SCHEDULE, AND THAT THE EMBASSY COUNSEL SCAE TO SEEK TICKETS WITH OTHER CARRIERS. IN SUCH CASE, DOE WOULD ATTEMPT TO FULFILL AS MANY OF NEW REQUESTS (SEPTEL) AS POSSIBLE, GIVEN VERY SHORT TIME LIMIT. IF SOVIETS INSIST THAT THEY CANNOT ARRIVE ON 2 APRIL AS AGREED, WE WOULD URGE JCM POSTPONEMENT TO ANOTHER MONTH. TOON

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